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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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Office of the Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CIA EMPLOYEES

Recent press reports alleging involvement of certain alleged CIA employees with Cuban exiles, Howard Hunt, and other parties, although containing known facts, behind the stories are those stemming from the Watergate matter and Hunt's relationship to the White House. As can be seen, the Agency activities mentioned stemmed in response to a request by senior officials. The Agency has cooperated with and made available to the appropriate authorities all legally available information about these activities and will continue to do so.

All CIA employees should understand my attitude on this type of issue. It shall be everything in my power to confine CIA activities to those which fall within a strict interpretation of its legislative charter. I take this position because I am convinced that the law, that is the public good, and my oath of office require that we not undertake any activity unless it is necessary for the conduct of foreign intelligence or counterintelligence activities or unless it is necessary to the national security of the United States.

I am taking several actions to implement this objective. I have ordered all CIA employees to report to the Inspector General any activity now going on, or that has gone on in the past, which might be considered to be outside the legislative charter of the Agency.

I request direct early report by any present employee of CIA to report to me on any such activities of which he has knowledge. I similarly ask all ex-employees to do the same. Anyone who has such information should call my Secretary (extension 6361) and say that he wishes to talk to me about activities outside CIA's charter.

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Every CIA employee has a right to know about its "legislative charter"

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1. [illegible] promulgate the following standing order for all CIA employees:

[illegible] that he has received instructions which in any way appear inconsistent with the directive matter [illegible] inform the Director of Central Intelligence immediately.

James R. Schlesinger
Director

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(New paragraph for All CIA Employees from the DCI dated [illegible])